

DUXBURY

DUXBURY, JULY, 1871

The steam tug which came down to take up to Boston, the new ship recently launched, brought down a party who were desirous of purchasing building lots in the neighborhood of the new hotel at the Nook. Fifteen were disposed of at high prices and many others might have been sold, had not the owners of the land on seeing with what eagerness lots were secured, stopped the sale in the expectation of an advance price in the future. All the rooms at the new hotel are engaged for the season. The depot at the Point is advanced nearly to completion and the lumber already on the ground for the main depot.

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The old factory building on the brook at Island Creek is to be refitted as a tack factory. A large addition is to be built on one end of it and a steam engine used to supply power instead of the old water wheel. The late Samuel Loring, who conducted the tack and rivet business at Plymouth so successfully for many years, began his manufacturing in this factory, and later removed to Plymouth. Machinery from the Plymouth factory has been brought here and is being set up as rapidly as possible.

A curious freak of nature was found a few days ago by John H. Smith, of Scituate, who had a peck of Duxbury clams in his possession. Among the bivalves was one which had two perfectly formed heads or snouts. These were growing side by side in the usual place for one proboscis, and were perfectly formed and only a little smaller than those usually found on well developed clams.

Stories of Old Colony life are rare enough to make them of account nowadays when written, and in presenting "Standish of Standish" -- just issued by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, -- the author, Mrs. Jane G. Austin, is following up an original vein of literature which she struck when she wrote the "Nameless Nobleman," giving to her readers something novel, interesting, and of that half-historical nature which adds greatly to the zest of a novel. Plymouth and Old Colony people will fully appreciate this charming delineation of home life in "New Plymouth," in which Capt. Myles Standish is made the central figure. The quaint language of the times is used in the colloquial portions, and there is an air of old time grace mingled with delightful piquancy, which invests even the common places of Mrs. Austin's characters as she puts before us the Pilgrim maidens in their daily lives just as we know those of our own days. It is a book "one to the manner born," or read in Pilgrim lore, will like to have; and the author, a sister to the late Hon. John A. Goodwin, who just before his decease a few years ago completed the best history of the Old Colony ever published, may well be congratulated on the success she has already attained in this new vein of novel writing. We are pleased to learn that she has in preparation another book, supplementary to the "Nameless Nobleman," for which Plymouth will furnish material. Burbank of the Pilgrim Bookstore has "Standish of Standish."